#### PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	12. LOCATION		12. CONCLUSIONS
8 May 52	Hisawa AB, Japan		□ Was Balloon □ Probably Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP  Local 2200  GMT 08//3002  5. PHOTOS D Yes  E No	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION  Ground-Visual  XX Air-Visual  6. SOURCE  AF pilot & rad	D'Air-Intercept Rodar	Possibly Balloon  Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Probably Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION  3-5 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE W to E	Other Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
Varied color. Ball shape	. Disintegrated.	11. COMMENTS	

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Report of Unidentified Object

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Misawa Air Base, Honshu, Japan

JAMES O. SHEALY, Intelligence Officer

116th F-B Wing Intelligence

8 May 1952

EVALUATION

15 May 1952 PREPARED BY (Officer)

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REFERENCES (Control number, directire, prestous report, etc., as applicable)

None SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph

Unidentified Object was sighted by:

339th Fighter Interceptor Squadron APO 919 (Pilot of F-94 Type Aircraft)

339th Fighter Interceptor Squadron APO 919 (Radar Observer of F-94 Type Aircraft)

- a. One Streak of light, bull shape, size unknown. when first observed color appeared green changing to yellow then to orange-red before disintegrating. Flash of light had a slight streamer trailing, speed unknown, no sound. Light appeared and followed an arc pattern to fading position.
- b. Sighted on 8 May 1952, at 2200 hours Item time. Duration 3-5 seconds
- c. Visual observation. Aircraft altitude 7,000 feet, 250 knots, heading 360° F-94 type aircraft.
- d. Approximate aircraft position (40°40'N 141°27'E). Aircraft heading 360° Object observed at 1 o'clock position. (Pilot reports light traveling from West to East) (Radar Observer reports light traveling from East to West at 2500 ). Light at eye level with aircraft altitude 7,000 feet.
- e. Sighted by both pilot and radar observer. Information is believed to be reliable.
- f. Night clear with no cloud formations, slight haze, wind 280°
- g. Pilot observed flashing lights which seemed at ground level about 2 minutes previous to observed streak and called it to the attention of the radar observer. FEAF DISTRIBUTION

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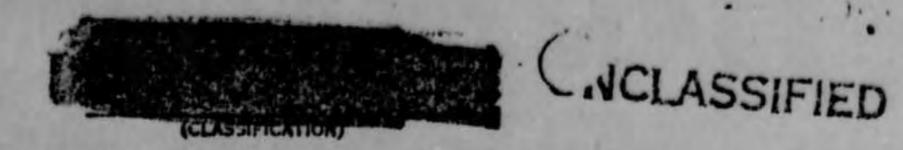
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- 1. No interception made
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- 1. No radar scope presentation
- m. Radar functioning normally before and after incident
- n. Negative

JAMES O. SHEALY Captain, USAF Intelligence Officer

COMMENT D/I, JAPAN AIR DEFENSE FORCE:

The Deputy for Intelligence evaluates this report as C-6 rather than C-2.

GEORGE R. KAUFFMAN
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#### D/I FEAF COMMENT:

- 1. A check with Japanese observatories has shown no increase in meteorite activity and no sightings of unusual phenomena in recent months.
- 2. Air Weather Service normally launches lighted weather balloons at night. Erratic behavior of a lighted weather balloon, together with physic-logical limitations of night vision might account for such reports.

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#### STATEMENT

At 2200 hours on 8 May 1952 while steering due north to Misawa Air Base, I observed a flash of light at eyelevel. The light lasted for approximately 3-5 seconds starting with a broad greenish-blue streak and ending in a puff of orange-red flame. The light first appeared at approximately 030° to my starboard and moved downward very slightly from my port to starboard.

Previous to this flash of light I had been observing (for approx 2 min.) a flashing white light which appeared to be on the horizon and in the same direction as the light described above. After observing this light I flew north of Misawa Air Base on the coastline to a point approx. 30 miles north of the base looking for any remains of the falling light previously seen. While doing this I was in contact with the GCI controller and upon pancaking I made a verbal report to him of what I had observed.



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At 2200 hours on 8 May 1952 we were flying north along the coast line about a mile south of Misawa Air Base. The pilot. The called my attention to a flashing light which was on the surface out at the one o'clock position. I was watching this, trying to see if it had any code sequence when I saw this streak of bright light in the air and at our altitude (7000 ft), which was out at the same angle that I had been looking (1 o'clock). It was traveling in a path of a falling arc, slightly toward us, moving in an easterly to a westwardly direction. When first sighted it had a bright green color which changed to yellow then to an orange red and died out of sight as though it had disintegrated in a motionless position. It just stopped, got real bright and died out. Its color seemed to linger rather than have a tail like a shooting star. It was fast moving, bright and of short duration. As for its duration which I could hardly estimate, it did last long enough for me to say "Look, Look, Look" to the pilot over our live interphone and for him to answer. I could not see anything I could recognize as a solid mass, only as light.



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